

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH # EST. 1889



Faith & Spirit, Alive

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2017

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

— Matthew 21:14

Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹) Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM ¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

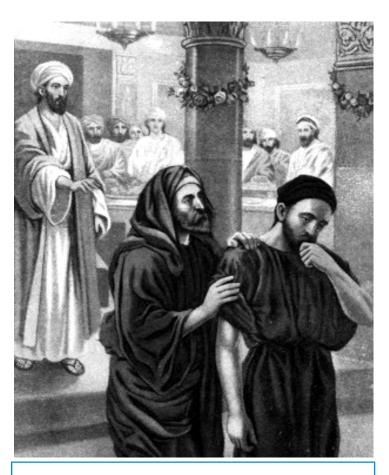
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Strengths in Action Workshop

Are you interested in learning more about your own personal God-given strengths, and how you can put these strengths to use in your everyday life? Join us for *Strengths in Action*.



Participants will take the Clifton Strengths Finder assessment, learn about their unique strengths and the strengths of others, and learn how to apply these strengths at work, in personal relationship, and by volunteering time in service. By learning about your gifts and cultivating your strengths, you act as a steward of the unique gifts God has given to you.

Strengths in Action is Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Lunch will be served.

A donation of \$20 is requested to offset the cost of the course materials.

Pre-registration is required.

Register at givecentral.org/location/209/event/14008 or email claire.kenkel@gmail.com with questions.

Border Ministry

La Posada, operated by the Sisters of Divine Providence, provides shelter while immigrants and asylum seekers wait for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court and for asylees as they take steps toward achieving permanent resident status.

St. Teresa parishioners are encouraged to volunteer their time and skills and offer their friendship to clients at *La Posada*. No experience is necessary.

If you're interested in volunteering at *La Posada*,

please fill out the interest form at: https://goo.gl/forms/mjpFoy0XFHI9Daom2 or email questions to Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.com.

To donate to this ministry, write "La Posada" in the memo line of your check, or you can donate at **givecentral.org/location/209/event/13891.**

Time of Your Life Gala

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash, the *Time of Your Life Gala* on November 11, 2017 at Germania Place in Old Town. This seriously fun evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and great auctions and games all to celebrate the good works of our community made possible by the dedicated



volunteers and the generosity of our members and friends.

Without the funds from the *Time of Your Life Gala*, we would not be able to continue to fund our many outreach efforts like the food pantry, loaves & fishes dinners, meal service with The Night Ministry, our refugee and border ministries, and Avila in Action grant program. Please join us!

Tickets are \$150/person or \$1500 for a table of 10. Raffle tickets are also available for \$100/ticket.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event tickets. To donate items for auction, email janelpalm@mac.com.

Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Attend the Time of Your Life Gala on 11/11! Purchase tickets at timeofyourlifegala.com.
- <u>Volunteer</u> at the Blood Drive with registration and hospitality. Email Mark.buciak@rcn.com.
- <u>Donate</u> to the food pantry at classy.org/give/t124744/#!/ donation/checkout. Donations made by November 11th are matched 20%.
- <u>Become</u> an altar server! Fr. Frank is recruiting singles, families, adults, anyone interested in serving at the alter. Lear more about the Mass by being involved. Sign up in the Gathering Space.
- <u>Teach</u> children during the Children's Liturgy of the Word, or as a catechist. Email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com for more information.
- <u>Organize</u> volunteers to coordinate a new, weekly social, in the Parish Center following 6:00 pm Masses.

Email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org for questions or to get involved with any of these opportunities.

Financial Stewardship

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Avila in Action: Decidedly Not "Inaction"

In September, St. Teresa of Avila's Stewardship Committee voted on the charities that would receive funds from the *Avila In Action*. Please watch out for the Stewardship Committee's forthcoming information.

Avila in Action is part of St. Teresa's social outreach program. A few years ago, St. Teresa's Stewardship and Finance committees got together to design a more structured approach to social outreach. The result was Avila in Action, and the goal was to allocate a certain percentage of St. Teresa's total annual collection to the program which would then disburse funds to various charities based on specific requirements. Rebecca O'Brien has done a super job putting together the criteria and scoring system so we could arrive as close to an objective score as possible for each charity that applied for Avila in Action funds.

This year about 25 charities were analyzed, discussed, and voted upon. Ultimately six charities were selected for a total disbursement of \$32,500.

Where does the \$32,500 come from?

From July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016, St. Teresa's Sunday & Holy Day Collection totaled \$565,000. A percentage of the money collected during this period then gets disbursed through *Avila In Action* during the following period, July 1st 2017 to June 30th 2018.

How is the \$32,500 calculated?

6% of the Sunday & Holy Day Collection is disbursed through *Avila in Action*. Ultimately our goal is to increase this percentage to 10% depending on the size of the Collection and the other needs of St. Teresa. For the first year *Avila in Action* disbursed 5% of the Collection, roughly \$20,000, to various charities. This year's *Avila in Action* disbursement of \$32,500 represents a 63% increase from disbursements made in its first year.

"Thank you" to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help and living the message of helping those outside of the St. Teresa's walls, *Avila in Action* could not be as successful or grow as quickly as it has.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Maggie Fernandez at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org or Justin Alden at justin.alden@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday:	10-1-17	10-8-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	46	45
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	110
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	240	150
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-	55
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	130	100
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	175	170
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	591	630
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	6	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	3	3
Confessions this Week	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	ő
Funerals since January 2017	3	3
Weddings since January 2017	7	8
Baptisms since January 2017	34	34



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September 566.S In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 10-21-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Jonathan Clinton	Rob Harmer	Linda Harmer Lisa Marquez
Next French Mass Saturday 10-21-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 10-22-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Mark Van Grinsven Jamie Lutkus Minister Needed (H4)	Barb Schell Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Geneva Gorgo
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 11-19-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 10-22-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Laura Moran	Aimee Jaszczor Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 10-22-17	6:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Claire Kenkel	Roberto Martinez Elizabeth Cuda Margaret Burke	Cara Gannon Colleen Sulewski Burt Olson Abel Gonzalez

Week's Activities

Sunday, October 15

- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest/CGS III

Monday, October 16 REC Catechesis of the Good

4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, October 17

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED PC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 18

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 6:00 pm, PC, Border Ministry Reading Group

Thursday, October 19

- · 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- · 7:00 pm, PC, Renew My Church Presentation

Friday, October 20

- · 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- · 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, October 21

- 4:30 pm, PC, CCFCCatechesis
- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday: St. Luke

Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac

Jogues, and Companions

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: Vigésimo Octavo Domingo

del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Santa Margarita María de

Alacoque; Santa Eduviges San Ignacio de Antioquía

Martes: San Ignacio de Miércoles: San Lucas

Jueves: Santos Juan de Brébeuf, Isaac

Jogues y compañeros

Viernes: San Pablo de la Cruz

Sábado: Santa María Virgen

This Month's Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, October 7

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, October 28

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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	Mass Intentions	Let Us Pray	
Saturday, October 14 5:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish		Please pray for the deceased Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea	
9:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Sunday, October 15 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Mary Jaszczor Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Noemie Sylvestre, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence	

This Month's Baptisms

Elizabeth Klupchak (10-1), Thomas Johnston (10-14), Charles Assell (10-29)

This Month's Baptism Anniversaries

Nicholas Marselle (10-18), Peggy Teterycz (10-19), Krista Kutz (10-26), Kotrina Hilko (10-30), Sharon Lindtron (10-31)

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

Alicia Anderson Jason Andre Dorothy Barns Berta Billalvazo Elizabeth Ryan Dean Michael De Blasis Alex DeNoma Kathy Derrick Kim Duffy Isabelle Eiffert Jackson Fineske & Family Alice Flynn Padraig Gallagher Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kaylee Gommel Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Mrs. Grabarczyk George Halloran Kellar Harris Peg Hausen David Hoffman David Ivanac Chuck Jabaley Ronald Jakubec Joyce Jaszczor Frank Kolman Krista Kutz Liz Kunkel Betty LaCour Carmen D. Lorenzana Gabriel Lozada Palmira Mancini George Maroquin Jose Maroquin	Margaret Sue Meadors Sage Mesen Daniel Meyer Tracy Mirabella Bill Mobley John Monier Elda Myers John Paul Nelson Angel Nieves Msgr. Kevin O'Neill Frank O'Toole Clayton Poe Carol Poyner Marie Koesters-Ranley Hector J. Rivera Pedro Rodriguez Ray Romero	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD Jack Schank Bob Semmer Will Sullivan Mima Tome JoAnn Jahnke Trainer Marianne Usiak Sara Vega Susan Violapiano Jack Williams Valerie Williams Mae Witry David Zeunert For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetra- tors of sexual abuse	
Kaylee Gommel	George Maroquin	Pedro Rodriguez	1 1	
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Jose Maroquin	Ray Romero		
Les Gordon	Lisa Marquez	Jeffrey Roscoe		

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between Chicago between September 30th and October 5th: Anthony Henry; Lloyd Westbrook; Jose Rico; Juan Vargas; David Lucious; Charnella Lemon; Terrance Carter; Gregory Petty; Melvin Howard, Jr.; Fred Anderson; Michael Hillard; Marques Lewis; Tony Goodrich, Sr.; and, Terry Barry.

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added.st the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

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Want to Learn More **About Renew My Church?**

Come to Renew My Church 101 at St. Teresa October 19th at 7PM

Renew My Church 101 is a 90 minute informative presentation and discussion about what Renew My Church means for the Church in Chicago.



If you want to learn more about why we are undertaking this initiative, the vision for what is to come, and how you can play an important role, plan to attend.

St. Teresa will host a Renew My Church 101 on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

There is no fee, but you must register at: http://drive.google.com/drive/ folders/0By8JgkuP ApKdFh1b2EzRGcwMGs

Once the web page opens, double click on the folder for any vicariate to see options for RMC 101 in that vicariate. You may attend a session in any vicariate, regardless of where you work or are a parishioner.

Then, enter your information and select the date you will be attending. Finally, click "SEND" in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

You may also register by calling Gema Ramirez at (312) 534-8215.

There are also additional dates in Spanish, Polish and English through the end of the year. Parishioners are most welcome to attend any of the sessions or times. The Archdiocese will accommodate about 50 people at each session.



St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day Celebration on October 15

The official feast day for St. Teresa of Avila, first Woman Doctor of the Church, patron saint of those who suffer from headaches, is October 15th.

In honor of Saint Teresa, the patron saint of our parish, there will be a celebration in the Parish Center after the 6:00 pm Mass on October 15th. Dinner and refreshments will be served.



For more information about the celebration, please contact Amir@staying-true.com.

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

- 1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follow SSL encryption standards.
- 2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.

 3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.



Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 5 spaces left to fill.



If you have ever enjoyed lingering about after Mass over refreshments and conversation, please consider hosting just once per year. It's easy to do. You can sign up through the Signup.com by clicking on the word "Volunteer" at our website stteresa.net. Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy mairead.reidy@yahoo.com

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It's Not Too Late to Donate

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the 2017 Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk in support of our Food Pantry. There is still time to donate and have the funds matched by the Food Depository. Please use the link below to direct your donation to Team St Teresa:



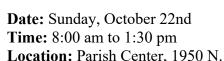
https://www.classy.org/team/124744

Donations can be accepted up until November 1st. Thanks for all you do in support of St. Teresa and the Food Pantry!

Fall Blood Drive Next Sunday

When Mother nature is at her worst, human nature is at its best!

Kindly show your support by joining us for our Fall blood drive to help people in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Mexico City. We are looking for both donors and hospitality volunteers.



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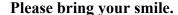
Donors: Kindly make your appoint-

ment in advance at: www.heartlandbc.org or by call-

ing (800) 786-4483.

Thank you for sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

Hospitality Volunteers: Please e-mail Mark at: mark.buciak@rcn.com Please consider giving 1 or 2 hours of your time either before or after going to Mass.





It's Not Too Late to Join Border Ministry Reading Group

Fr. Frank is starting a border ministry reading group for those interested in participating in the border ministry at St. Teresa. The group will meet to discuss the book *Rescuing Regina*, *by* Josephe Marie Flynn SSND (2011, Chicago Review Press).



The Border Ministry Reading Group will meet on Wednesdays, now until November 8th, from 6:00-9:00 pm.

If you're interested in participating in the border ministry and joining the reading group, please contact Fr. Frank at fjsasso@aol.com.

Here's a brief synopsis of the book from Amazon:

What is it like to be a young mother threatened with deportation to the country whose government has imprisoned you and whose soldiers have raped and tortured you? You don't want to leave your children behind, but how can you take them with you, knowing that your homeland, ruled by chaos and violence, is notorious for murdering failed asylum seekers?

Regina Bakala found herself in just this situation ten years after escaping the Congo and settling in the United States. Upon arrival, Regina had worked with an immigration lawyer, then joyfully reunited with her husband, also a Congolese torture survivor, and had two children. Life was challenging but full of hope until the night there was a knock at the door and immigration agents burst in. They forced Regina from her home as her family watched, then locked her in prison to await deportation to certain death.

In *Rescuing Regina*, author Josephe Marie Flynn tells Regina's powerful story—and how her husband, a pit-bull lawyer, a group of volunteers, and a feisty nun set aside political differences to galvanize a movement to save her. Revealing what she uncovered about US immigration policies and the dangers faced by those escaping war crimes, Flynn exposes an America most never see: a vast underbelly of injustice, a harsh detention and deportation system, and a frighteningly arbitrary asylum process. In their battle for justice, Regina and Josephe not only confronted dangerous obstacles but also reawakened emotions and traumas from the past. A compelling story of a quest for justice, *Rescuing Regina* is also a tale of friendship, faith, hope, and the transformative journey of two friends.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32 **Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;

Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk

11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-

7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;

1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Rom 1:1-7; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 11:29-32

Martes: Rom 1:16-25; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc

11:37-41

Miércoles: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13,

17-18; Lc 10:1-9

Jueves: Rom 3:21-30; Sal 130 (129):1b-6ab;

Lc 11:47-54

Viernes: Rom 4:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1b-2, 5, 11;

Lc 12:1-7

Sábado: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Sal 105 (104):6-9,

42-43; Lc 12:8-12

Domingo: Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1

Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Treasures from Tradition

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgi-

cal commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified

Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the *Directory for Masses with Children* was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 2006, en la plaza de Taos se erigió una estatua de bronce que conmemora al "cura de Taos", Antonio José

Martínez, un sacerdote recordado como controversial ante varios gobiernos por defender a su pueblo.

Él fue sacerdote en Taos, Nuevo México cuando era territorio español, luego mexicano y finalmente cuando pasa a manos de EE. UU. Durante la época española y mexicana Antonio estableció escuelas para niños y niñas y fundó un seminario para preparar un clero nativo. En 1830 empezó a imprimir libros y estableció el primer

periódico Nuevo Mexicano. De esta manera estableció Taos como un centro de educación.

En 1851 llegaron los representantes del gobierno estadounidense con la intención de "americanizar" a los nuevos mexicanos prohibiéndoles sus tradiciones declarando que eran ignorantes y supersticiosas.

Antonio José contradijo este movimiento convirtiendo su seminario en una escuela de leyes. Decía que el gobierno de EE. UU es un burro que debe ser montado por abogados. Muchos se opusieron a su obra pero él continuó luchando por su pueblo hasta su muerte en 1867. Su tumba lo declara: "La honra de su país". — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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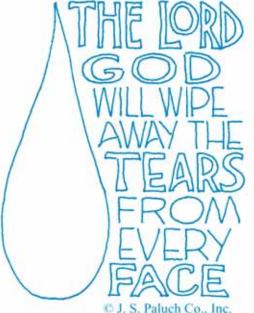
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The Heavenly Banquet

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first

reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



El Banquete Celestial

El monte del Señor descrito en la primera lectura de

hoy es un lugar donde no hay más hambre, ni llanto, ni ningún tipo de división. Necesitamos detenernos y pensar sobre estas imágenes de cuando en cuando, especialmente dado el hecho de que vivimos en un mundo tan fragmentado. El salmo responsorial continúa pintando el cuadro de un lugar donde sólo florecen la bondad y la generosidad. Estas lecturas describen el banquete celestial, al que Dios nos llama mediante el bautismo y continúa llamándonos a lo largo de nuestra vida. Respondamos a la invitación de Dios y vivamos nuestra vida conforme a los valores del Evangelio para que un día seamos

bienvenidos a la mesa del banquete en el Reino. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food

and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a). **Psalm** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-

14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor preparará un banquete y secará las lágrimas de todos los rostros

(Isaías 25:6-10a).

Salmo — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos

encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20). **Evangelio** — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

Scarcity and Abundance

Many of us are often preoccupied with this one simple question: "How does one live a happy, content life?" Today's readings address this question in a bold way, perhaps even in a way that may make us rather uncomfortable.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he understands the cycle of scarcity and abundance that many of us work to navigate and embrace in our day-to-day lives, with the hope of a living a happy life.

"In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."

To be fully human, Paul understands the ebb and flow of "being well fed and going hungry." There will be moments in our lives when we experience profound joy, fully content, fully fed; equally, there will be times when we experience utter darkness, are in want, hungry.

Despite the temptation to only live in abundance, particularly when it comes to the abundance of things, experiencing both allows us to adopt a level of compassion and understanding for our neighbor, a level of happiness and joy that we cannot often feel otherwise.

Today's second reading appeals to embracing balance, yet it is also a call to break the chains of a cycle which contains only abundance or only scarcity. We must not forget those who live in and are burdened by pure scarcity; those



To be happy, to be content, to be fulfilled — it is up to us to embrace the cycle of scarcity and abundance, to walk with our neighbor on the margins, to stand for equality.

among us who have perhaps never had the opportunity to experience abundance.

Similarly, living in pure abundance can lead to selfishness, dissatisfaction and constant want where there is no room for compassion or empathy. Both extremes are absent of happiness. Those who have much are called to share and let go; those who have little, deserve more.

Paul's counsel to the Philippians in the second reading is a call of trust, solidarity and fairness — components we may not typically equate with living a happy life. Ultimately, Paul urges us to trust in God's love and live according to God's call to balance and solidarity.

Happiness is also found when we embrace equality. Contrary to the social reality of the times, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus paints the kingdom of God as a feast of equals — equal in status; equal in dignity. We are all called to work towards this kingdom of equals.

We have all been given an invitation to the table yet it is up to us to accept. If we choose to accept this invitation, if we embrace this radical notion that all are equal, that all of us have a place at the table, then the happiness and contentment that will follow will be similar to what we will experience in God's kingdom.

"The feast is ready ... Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

To be happy, to be content, to be fulfilled — it is up to us to embrace the cycle of scarcity and abundance, to walk with our neighbor on the margins, to stand for equality. This is our call. Will we accept?

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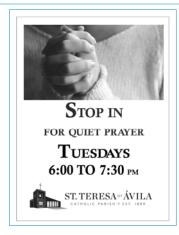
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